GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONSULTATIVE STATUS TO VHP
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has applied for grant of consultative status with theUN Economic and Social Council as a Non-Governmental Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan representative on NGO Committee has raised objections for giving consultative status to VHP ; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b),(c) & (d): Yes Sir; it is understood that the Vishwa Hindu Parishad has applied for grant of consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as a Non-Governmental Organisation.In accordance with the established procedure, the application of VHP for grant of consultative status is being considered by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations set up by the ECOSOC. Clarifications sought by members of the NGO Committee have been provided by the organisation.